Sale of Toddy.

78. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): With reference to the statement on page 19 of the Administration Report of the Excise Department for 1110 that the toddy yielded from the licensed trees is estimated at 10,178,070 gallons (ten millions one hundred and seventy-eight thousand and seventy), will the Government be pleased to state the total sale price of this toddy ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The total price of 10,178,070 gallons of toddy will amount to Rs. 65,43,045 calculated on the basis of 18 chs. per Imperial gallon, the minimum price fixed in the notice of sale of toddy shops.

Export of Cocoanuts.

79. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of cocoanuts exported through the Quilon and Kundara Railway customs in 1110 and 1111 ; and

(*b*) the duty realised for the same at these customs houses in each of these years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) & (*b*) The information required by the member is placed on the table.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know from Government whether they have tried to ascertain the reason for the abnormal export of cocoanuts through the Quilon and Kundara Railway Stations ?

MR. C. O MADHAVAN ((*Excise Commissioner*) : Probably there is great demand for the same.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know who was responsible for such demand? Was there any private agency who took up orders in the matter ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The merchants exporting cocoanuts.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether there is any reduction in Railway freight ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I have no information.

Introduction of compulsory Primary education.

80. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received repeated representations regarding the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to state the nature of the action taken on the same ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is considered that the time is not yet ripe for the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I have an idea from the Government as to the circumstances which prompted them to say that the time is not ripe for the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That the department should have plenty of funds is one of the most important desiderata.

V. P. School for Muslims at Todupuzha.

81 *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Muslims of Todupuzha had applied for a separate V. P. School for Muslims at Todupuzha; and

(*b*) if so, when and what action has been taken on it?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There were two applications—one on 11-11-1106 and the other on 15-12-1109.

The Division Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha, has been asked to report whether the Muslims are prepared to run a school under private management.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the date on which the Divisional Inspector was called upon to report?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): About four months ago.

Importation of Petrol, Kerosene oil and Crude oil.

82. *MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the quantity of (*a*) petrol (*b*) kerosene oil and (c) crude oil imported into the State during each of the last five years?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): A statement showing the quantity of petrol and kerosene oil imported into the State during each of the past five years is laid on the table. Statistics of imports of crude oil are not available.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member, why there is great difference in the figures of imports during 1110 and the other two previous years in respect of petrol and kerosene?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I am not in a position to explain the disparity for these figures. The statistics collected are what is given.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the agency that collects these figures

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Customs officers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the reason for the great difierence in respect of kerosene between the figures in 1109 and 1110 and the figures of two previous years?

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